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SUBJECT:GOT QUESTIONS RE PURCHASE OF F-4'S

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN AUGUST 6 UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO POSE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS RE TURKISH PURCHASE OF 40 F-4E AIRCRAFT. ESENBEL SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD CALLED PERSONALLY TO INDICATE HIGHEST LEVEL TURKISH INTEREST IN OBTAINING ANSWERS ASAP.

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2. QUOTE IN THE PLANNING AND MODERNIZATION OF THE TURKISH

AIR FORCE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ENVISAGES PURCHASE FROM THE USA OF 40 PHANTOM AIRCRAFT OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES: 32 F-4E AND 8 RF-4E. IN THE INITIAL STAGE OF THIS MODERNIZATION PROJECT THE TOTAL COST IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$450 MILLION. OF THIS AMOUNT \$134 MILLION WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH FMS CREDITS UNDER FY 1976 AND 1977. THE REMAINING \$316 MILLION WILL BE FINANCED THROUGH TURKISH NATIONAL SOURCES. IN ORDER TO EXECUTE THIS PROGRAM, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WISHES TO KNOW THE REPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(1) IF AND WHEN \$316 MILLION IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE NATIONAL SOURCES OF TURKEY, WOULD THE PURCHASE OF THE AIRCRAFT

BE POSSIBLE FROM GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BY WAY OF FMS (OR) UNDER THE PRESENT LEGISLATION AND IN VIEW OF SECTION 620(X), COULD THE \$316 MILLION CONTRACT BE FULFILLED THROUGH COMMERCIAL SALES WITHOUT ANY HINDRANCE.

(2) IF FMS CREDITS AND NATIONAL SOURCES ARE TOTALLY UTILIZED AND THE PROCUREMENT OF THE AIRCRAFT (A) WOULD THE DELIVERY, TRANSPORT, ETC., OF THE AIRCRAFT BE SUBJECT TO ANY SPECIAL CONDITIONS? (B) WOULD THE AIRCRAFT TO BE PROVIDED BE EQUIPPED WITH COMPLETE ARMAMENTS, EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION? (C) IF THE COMPANY CONCERNED CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO SUPPLY THE AIRCRAFT AS DESCRIBED UNDER (B), I.E. EQUIPPED WITH COMPLETE ARMAMENTS, EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS AND HOW COULD THE SAID ARMAMENTS, EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION WHICH ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE USG BE PROCURED. UNQUOTE.

3. LAINGEN INFORMED ESENBEL THAT THE ANSWER TO QUESTION (1) WOULD BE NO UNTIL THE DCA WAS PASSED IN THAT NO FMS CASH SALES WERE AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 620(X) BEYOND THE TOTAL OF \$250 MILLION FOR THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER AND FY 77. LAINGEN SAID THERE WAS NO HINDRANCE TO COMMERCIAL SALES UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION ASIDE FROM A REQUIREMENT TO REPORT TO CONGRESS THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN EXPORT LICENSES.

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4. ON QUESTION (2) (A), LAINGEN SAID WE WERE AWARE OF NO SPECIAL CONDITIONS RE DELIVERY OF THE AIRCRAFT EXCEPT THAT FERRYING UNDER FMS CONTRACT IS USUALLY PREFERRED BY CUSTOMERS BECAUSE OF THE LOWER COST. OCEAN SHIPMENT IS A POSSIBLE BUT MORE COSTLY ALTERNATIVE AND MUCH SLOWER.

5. RE QUESTIONS (2) (B) AND (C), THE COMMERCIALLY PURCHASED F-4E IS A COMPLETE AIRCRAFT WITH ALL INTERNAL SYS-

TEMS, MOUNTINGS, WIRING, AND BLACK BOXES REQUIRED FOR IT TO FUNCTION AS A MODERN AIRCRAFT. MANY TYPES OF MUNITIONS HOWEVER, (BOMBS, ROCKETS, MISSILES AND THE 20MM CANNON) NORMALLY ARE AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH FMS PURCHASE AND THEREFORE THE GOT SHOULD TAKE THESE NEEDS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN BUDGETING FMS PURCHASES FOR FY 77. WE COULD NOT ANSWER THE TURKISH QUESTION IN DETAIL WITHOUT A LIST OF THE SPECIFIC ITEMS THE TURKISH AIR FORCE WANTS FOR ARMING THE F-4'S. UNSOPHISTICATED MUNITIONS LIKE 20MM AMMUNITION AND IRON BOMBS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE THROUGH COMMERCIAL SOURCES IN WESTERN EUROPE.

6. ESENBEL ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION (PD) REQUIRED FOR FMS SALES TO TURKEY AND WAS TOLD THAT WE WERE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MOVE IT FORWARD. HE ASKED IF INDEED THE PD COULD BE TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS WHILE IN RECESS FOR THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. AFTER LOOKING INTO THE QUESTION WE WERE ABLE TO INFORM HIM THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION OF THE PD DURING RECESS, WE HAVE IN THE PAST TOLD THE CONGRESS THAT WE WOULD TRANSMIT IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO THEM ONLY WHILE THEY WERE IN SESSION. WE ALSO INFORMED ESENBEL THAT WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO TRANSMIT THE PD TO THE CONGRESS PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION RECESS.

7. ESENBEL INFORMED LAINGEN THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO RETURN TO TURKEY FOR 10 DAYS OF CONSULTATION AND WILL BE LEAVING AUGUST 7. HABIB

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